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## Sevenoaks District Council: Knowledge Test Training Material

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a district Council must only grant an application for a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver's Licence, when the applicant has demonstrated they are a fit and proper person.

In order for the Council to establish a consistent approach to assessing individuals as fit and proper and to ensure the public receive a safe and efficient service, all applicants must provide evidence of the following:

- Honesty & Trustworthiness
- Professional driving standard
- Medical fitness
- Criminal history
- Knowledge of the District
- Good understanding of English (spoken, written and reading)

The following training material is provided to assist applicants with their Knowledge of the District. Enclosed are the questions which you may be asked in the Knowledge Test. Applicants are ultimately responsible for researching the questions and using various sources (including by not limited to, Google Maps).

## Compulsory (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 100% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answers
What is the offence of 'plying for hire'?	
If you are diagnosed with a medical condition whilst you are a licensed driver, what are you required to do?	
What should a licensed driver do if they receive any convictions or cautions?	
A licensed vehicle can only be driven by who?	
On checking the vehicle after dropping off a passenger, you discover they have accidentally left property in the vehicle. What must you do?	
How should a licensed driver behave at all times?	

## Highway Code (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answers
While driving behind a vehicle on a road that is slippery and wet, what time gap should you leave between their car and yours?	
How can excessive or uneven tyre wear be caused?	
While driving you approach a bus at a designated Bus Stop, how might this effect your driving?	
What is the national speed limit for the outside lane of a motorway?	
What should the left-hand lane of a motorway be used for?	
When approaching an unmarked crossroads, who has right of way?	
If reversing into a side road which you aren't sure is clear, what actions should you take?	
After heavy rain, the motorway is wet and road spray is affecting visibility and overall driving conditions. What steps should you take in respects to your visibility?	

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<p>If turning left to enter a side road, which hazard should you watch out for the most?</p>	
<p>You're going down a steep hill, what should you do to help control the vehicle?</p>	
<p>How close may you park to a junction?</p>	
<p>What can you do on a main road clearway?</p>	
<p>What is the national speed limit for a built-up area?</p>	
<p>What is the national speed limit on a single carriageway?</p>	
<p>Icy road, or surfaces with fresh snow, mean that it could take your car longer to come to a halt than it normally does. In these conditions, how many times more would the stopping distance be compared to the normal stopping distances?</p>	
<p>When are you allowed to reverse from a quiet side road into the main road?</p>	
<p>When is it illegal for a horn to be sounded?</p>	
<p>Residential areas where the street is narrow may have a speed limit that is?</p>	








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<p>You are overtaking a stationary bus. Why should you proceed with caution?</p>	
<p>When is it best for the pressure of your tyres to be checked?</p>	
<p>A driver behind you on a motorway flashes their headlights, what should you do?</p>	
<p>Cyclists travelling at slow speeds are likely to?</p>	
<p>Can you drive in a bus lane?</p>	
<p>If the rear of your vehicle is skidding to the right what should you do?</p>	
<p>An overtaking vehicle cuts in, close in front of you. What should you do?</p>	
<p>You break down on a two way road. At what distance should a red triangle be placed behind the vehicle?</p>	

## Road signs and markings (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Sign or Marking	Space for your answers
What information does this sign display?		
What information does this sign display?		
The sign indicates National Speed Limits apply. What is the maximum speed limit on a dual carriageway?		
Where would you expect to see this sign?		
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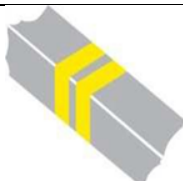
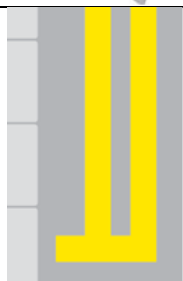
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<p>What do these signs inform drivers of?</p>		
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<p>What action must you take when approaching this person?</p>		
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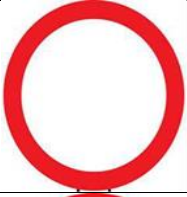

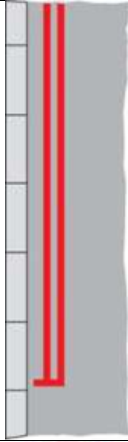



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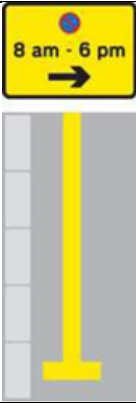

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<p>What does this hand signal mean?</p>		
<p>You see this sign on the motorway? What does it mean?</p>		
<p>You see this amber flashing sign on the motorway gantry. What does it mean?</p>		
<p>You have stopped at a red light. The traffic light changes red and amber. What should you do?</p>		
<p>You arrive at a traffic amber light. What should you do?</p>		
<p>What action must you take when approaching this person?</p>		
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<p>You arrive at a section of road bordered by a pair of red lines. What do these lines mean?</p>		
<p>Where will you find this sign?</p>		

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<p>What do these road markings mean?</p>		
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<p>What information does this sign display?</p>		

## Generic Policy and Law (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answer
<p>You move home. Within how many days must you advise the Licensing Authority of my new address?</p>	
<p>When can a private hire or hackney carriage driver refuse to carry a passenger's assistance dog?</p>	
<p>How often will a licensed taxi driver be required to have a medical if under the age of 65?</p>	
<p>Who is responsible for the wearing of the rear seat belt if the passenger is under 14?</p>	
<p>What are the two main Acts of Parliament that govern hackney carriage and private hire licensing?</p>	
<p>Both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles are required to carry an illuminated roof-mounted sign indicating that they are a taxi and these must be lit when plying for trade. Is this statement true or false?</p>	
<p>How long must you have held a full driving licence before you can apply for a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence?</p>	

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What is the minimum legal requirement of a tyre tread depth?	
When hired, the journey from start to destination must be by the... (complete the sentence)	
If your vehicle suffers any damage, what action do you take?	
What must you do if you receive a criminal conviction during the period of your licence?	
Your passenger has a mental disability and is aided by a carer. What is an appropriate way to communicate with them?	
A passenger says: "Could you help me get my shopping from the boot?" What should you do?	
Your operator wants you to work Monday to Friday from 0700 hours to 1900 hours with a one hour unpaid lunch break. How many hours will you work in a week?	
When do you have to disclose convictions, cautions, fixed penalty notices and any pending matters?	
Do you have to help passengers with their luggage?	

## Sevenoaks Policy (Hackney Carriage only)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answer
There is a minimum fare of £4.20, for every additional 176 metres there is an additional fare of:	
Any Spoilage within a vehicle may be recovered from the customer, the maximum permitted amount that may be recovered from the customer is:	
What must you do if you have lost the vehicle plate from the rear of the vehicle?	
When can a hackney carriage pick up a passenger in another Council's area?	
How can a member of the public hire a Hackney Carriage?	
Can a driver smoke inside a licenced vehicle?	
Where must the licence plate be located on the exterior of the vehicle?	
When is a hackney carriage driver excused from wearing a seat belt?	
Does the meter always have to be switched on when taking a fare?	

<p>You are late having your compliance test. Can you continue to drive?</p>	
<p>You pull up on the rank at the start of your shift. You have left your badge at home. What would you do?</p>	
<p>You find a watch on your back seat after dropping off a passenger. What must you do?</p>	
<p>When can a hackney carriage be left unattended on a hackney carriage rank?</p>	
<p>Does a hackney carriage have to clearly display no smoking signs?</p>	
<p>What two items of clothing are all drivers specifically banned from wearing? (Select correct answer)</p>	
<p>Do you have to carry animals/ pets in your vehicle?</p>	
<p>You are on a taxi rank and the taxi in front moves off with a passenger. What must you do?</p>	
<p>Which items are NOT a requirement for a Hackney Carriage vehicle?</p>	
<p>Do you have to display your top sign and Hackney plate at all times on the vehicle?</p>	



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How old can a vehicle be when it is first licensed?	
When should a driver wear his badge?	
At what age must all licensed drivers provide an annual medical certificate to prove their fitness to drive?	
When can the husband or wife of a licensed driver drive the licensed vehicle?	
What is the charge for carriage of pets (other than dogs for registered disabled people)	
A vehicle be instantly suspended if it is: (Select correct answer)	
Your unlicensed husband/wife asks to drive your licensed taxi to the shops. What would you do?	
At what point should you start the taximeter for a fare?	
Taxi Ranks can be found in which following locations?	

## Sevenoaks Policy (Private Hire only)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answer
<p>The rules for Private-hire vehicles differs from Hackney carriage vehicles. Select which of the following statements are true:</p> <p>(select the true statements in the test which relate to vehicles operating under a Private Hire plate, please note there may be multiple correct answers)</p>	
<p>When can a private hire vehicle stop, wait or park and pick up passengers from a hackney carriage rank which has been appointed by the Licensing Authority?</p>	
<p>When can a private hire vehicle pick up a passenger who has not pre-booked?</p>	
<p>Can a driver smoke inside a licenced vehicle?</p>	
<p>If the holder of a Vehicle Licence leaves their renewal too late to get a garage compliance done before the licence expires, would they be able to continue to use that vehicle for work purposes between the expiry of the licence and the date in which the vehicle has been tested?</p>	
<p>The legislation states when a Private Hire vehicle is hired, the journey from</p>	

start to the end must be by the (complete the sentence)	
You go to pick up your first booking of the day and realise that you have left your badge at home. What would you do?	
You find a watch on your back seat after dropping off a passenger. What must you do?	
Does a Private Hire vehicle have to clearly display no smoking signs?	
Do you have to carry animals in your vehicle?	
If your vehicle suffers any damage, what action do you take?	
A vehicle will be instantly suspended if it is: (Select correct answer)	
Which item is NOT a requirement for a vehicle?	
How old can a vehicle be when it is first licensed? (not including London-style Metropolitan Cabs)	
When should a driver wear his badge?	
Where must the licence plate be located on the exterior of the vehicle?	

<p>How can you get a fare?</p>	
<p>What two items of clothing are all drivers specifically banned from wearing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Football shirts</li><li>b) Flip flops</li><li>c) Shorts</li><li>d) Jeans</li></ul>	
<p>At what age must all licensed drivers provide an annual medical certificate to prove their fitness to drive?</p>	
<p>When driving your private hire vehicle, when must you wear a seat belt?</p>	
<p>What should you do if your customer asks you to allow 5 passengers in your private hire vehicle, when the maximum number is 4 passengers?</p>	


## Numeracy (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Question	Space for your answer
If the standard fare is £5.00, what is the fare at time and a half?	
The fare for the journey is £11.30 and the passenger gives you a £10 note, a £5 note and a 50p coin. How much change must you give?	
The fare for the journey is £16.20 and the passenger gives you a £20 note saying take a £1.50 tip. How much change must you give?	
The fare for the journey is £11.20 and the passenger gives you a £10 note, a £5 note and a 50p coin. How much change must you give?	
The fare for the journey is £13.90 and the passenger gives you a £20 note saying take a £1.50 tip. How much change must you give?	
The fare for the journey is £3.20 and the passenger gives you a £10 note and a 50p coin. How much change must you give?	
The fare for the journey is £14.60 and the passenger gives you a £20 note saying take a £1.50 tip. How much change must you give?	

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<p>You collect one passenger for an agreed fare of £4.80. On route the passenger asks you to collect a friend and you agree an additional cost of £1.50. What is the total cost of the fare?</p>	
<p>If the fare is £11.50 and the customer gives you a £20 note, how much change is owed?</p>	
<p>If the fare is £6.75 and the customer gives you a £20 note, how much change is owed?</p>	
<p>A passenger gives you £8 for a fare that costs £7.35, he tells you to keep 50p as a tip. How much change to you give him back?</p>	
<p>Your passenger gives you a handful of coins to pay for his fare. How much money has he paid?</p> 	

## Sevenoaks Routes (Hackney Carriage only)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Applicants will be required to identify the shortest route by distance, from the three possible answers given in the test. Applicant are therefore encouraged to work out the shortest route in advance of the test but also be mindful of the adjoining roads which will assist them in finding the correct answer in the test.

Question	Space for your answer
Knole Way, Sevenoaks to Brattle Wood, Sevenoaks	
Lea Road, Sevenoaks to Robyns Way, Sevenoaks	
Lime Tree Walk, Sevenoaks to Quebec Avenue, Westerham	
Ash Road, Westerham to Farleycroft, Westerham	
Beggars Lane, Westerham to The Slip, Westerham	
Madan Road, Westerham to Laburnum Avenue, Swanley	
The Croft, Swanley to Springfield Avenue, Swanley	
Aspen Close, Swanley to Everest Place, Swanley	
Marlborough Crescent, Sevenoaks to Hoggarden Lane, Sevenoaks	

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Marlborough Crescent, Sevenoaks to Little Wood, Sevenoaks	
Tudor Drive, Otford to Greatness Cemetery, Sevenoaks	
Sevenoaks Railway Station to Chartwell	
Otford Railway Station to Knole House	
Tesco Stores, Riverhead to Plymouth Drive, Sevenoaks	
Ide Hill Village Hall to Sevenoaks Railway Station	
Edenbridge Town Railway Station to Blighs Meadow Shopping Centre, Sevenoaks	
Wilderness House Care Home to Sevenoaks Hospital	
Sevenoaks School to Lullingstone Roman Villa	
Edenbridge Town Railway Station to Chartwell	
Otford High Street to London Golf Club	
Polhill Garden Centre to Castle Drive, Kemsing	



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Brands Hatch to Wildernesse Sports Centre	
Sevenoaks Hospital to Rockdale Nursing Home	
St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks to Chiddingstone Castle	

## Sevenoaks Places (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Applicants will be required to identify the street or village name for each of the following locations. Applicant are encouraged to find the full postal address for the below to assist them in finding the correct answer in the test.

Question	Space for your answer
The Licensing Partnership's main office is located in which town?	
Lullingstone Roman Villa	
Chartwell	
White Oak Leisure Centre	
Waitrose, Edenbridge	
Quebec House	
Lullingstone Country Park	
Chiddingstone Castle	
Bough Beech Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre	
Emmetts Garden	
Hever Castle and Gardens	
London Golf Club	
Penshurst Place and Gardens	

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Riverhill Himalayan Gardens	
Coolings Garden Centre	
Eagle Heights Wildlife Park	
Toys Hill Nature Reserve	
Woodlands Manor Golf Club	
Hever Castle Golf Club	
Brands Hatch	
Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve	
Sevenoaks Library	
Knole House	
Sevenoaks Magistrates Court	
Knockholt Railway Station	
Darenth Valley Golf Course	
Tesco Stores, Riverhead	
Holmesdale Cricket Club Ground	
Halstead Village Hall	

## Sevenoaks Streets (both Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Applicants will be required to identify all the streets which directly join the street mentioned below. Applicant will be given the name of three roads, only one of which actually adjoins the road mentioned below.

Questions	Space for your answer
Hillside Road, Sevenoaks	
Pendennis Road, Sevenoaks	
Garth Road, Sevenoaks	
Costells Meadow, Westerham	
Rystead Lane, Westerham	
Elm Road, Westerham	
Bramley Close, Swanley	
Ruxton Close, Swanley	
Wisteria Gardens, Swanley	
Farmstead Drive, Edenbridge	
Pine Grove, Edenbridge	

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Coomb Field, Edenbridge	
Chesterfield Drive, Riverhead	
Hillfield Road, Dunton Green	
Campion Square, Dunton Green	
Sandilands, Riverhead	
Hitchen Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks	
Pilgrims Way, Kemsing	
Vestry Road, Otford	
Childsbridge Lane, Seal	
St Julian Road, Sevenoaks	
Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks	
Uplands Way, Sevenoaks	
South Park, Sevenoaks	
Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks	
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks	

## Sevenoaks Wards (Private Hire only)

Requires 80% pass rate:

Please see attached plan to assist with these questions.

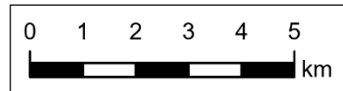
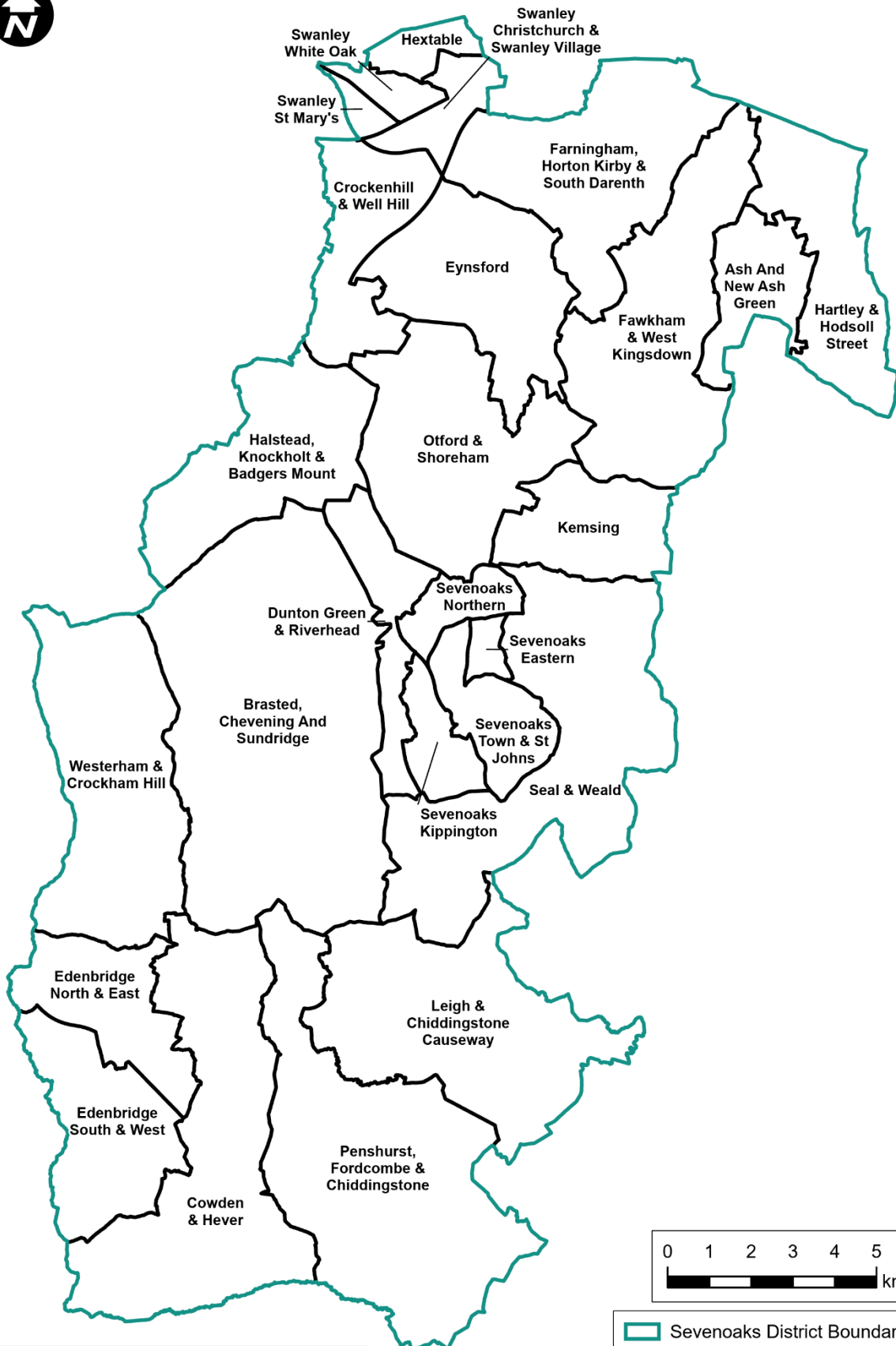
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Complete the name of this ward. Brasted, Chevening and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Penshurst, Fordcombe and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Farningham, Horton Kirby and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Seal and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Otford and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Cowden and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Westerham and...	
Complete the name of this ward. Halstead, Badgers Mount and...	
Please identify which wards are connected to ward mentioned below. Hartley & Hodsoll Street	



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<p>Please identify which wards are connected to ward mentioned below. Penhurst, Fordcombe &amp; Chiddingstone</p>	
<p>Please identify which wards are connected to ward mentioned below. Westerham &amp; Crockham Hill</p>	
<p>Please identify which wards are connected to ward mentioned below. Eynesford</p>	



-  Sevenoaks District Boundary
-  Ward Boundary